

# Vital Signs and other Articulations

**For WMU PA Students and Preceptors**

Winter 2013

## ACCREDITATION

**STANDARDS:** The national accrediting body requires “frequent, objective and documented evaluations.” We request that preceptors review evaluations with students at the end of their rotations as often as possible. This practice allows for more timely adjustments in their clinical and professional practices. If you need an additional copy of the evaluation form, you may download one from the PA Program website at: <http://www.wmich.edu/pa/>

## Immunization Requirements:

WMU PA Program now requires proof of the following titers and immunizations on all students:

- Tdap vaccine
- Influenza vaccine
- Hepatitis B vaccine
- Measles titer
- Mumps titer
- Rubella titer
- Varicella titer
- 2-step TB test

## Have Housing?

To add or remove your name for housing available to second-year PA students, contact: Jenna Cope @ 269-387-8988.



**JANUARY SCHEDULE:** Students must attend

ALL scheduled rotation days in January due to the inherent short schedule based on this years’ calendar. Any missed days due to illness or bad weather must be made up on the weekends or later in the year.

## ROTATION ASSIGNMENTS:

Students and preceptors are given a 12-month rotation schedule at the beginning of the academic year. Students are not allowed to ask for changes once final assignments have been made. We request that preceptors keep cancellations to a minimum as students are often paying for secondary housing requirements 4-6 weeks in advance. *Thank you.*

**JOB FAIR:** The second annual WMU PA job fair will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2013. If you would like to register for a booth at the fair please contact:

Cynthia Hutchinson, PA  
WMU PA Program  
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## Conference Attendance:

Often attendance at conferences is encouraged for our students. However, all requests to attend conferences are considered on an individual basis. Students are to contact the PA department in advance to obtain pre-approval from the clinical coordinator.

**Thank-you** to the following providers  
who have joined our very devoted group of  
preceptors:

Women's Health: Dr. James Christensen, Dr. Andrew VanSlooten, Dr. Andrea Schiller, Dr. Brian Mason and Dr. Gilbert Thayer.

Surgery: Ellen Deuparo PA-C.

Internal Medicine: Irene Wintermyer PA-C, Dr. Christopher Doig, and Eric Duffield PA-C.

Psychiatry: Dr. Sudha Uppuluri, Jeffery Romig PA-C, and Dr. Manuel Dumlao.

Family Medicine: Dr. Renee Russell , R. David Doan III PA-C, Kris Kivela PA-C, Kelly Watson PA-C, Michelle Miles PA-C, and Dana Martin PA-C.

Emergency Medicine: Scott Bonzheim PA-C.

Pediatrics: Dr. Thomas Burkey.

Electives: Dr. Farid Zayed, Dr. Shukri David, Dr. Marcia Liepman, Steven Stone PA-C, Dr. Linda Ilizaliturri, David Mumma PA-C, Melissa Boulden PA-C, Amanda Cross PA-C, Stacy Schlumbohm PA-C, Aaron Hunt PA-C, Shane Ford PA-C, Lara Davis PA-C, Dr. Steven Szeles , Dr. Eleanore Kue and Kathy Tuinhoff PA-C.

And returning in new locations are: Dr. Claire Scheele, Todd Chisholm PA-C, and Glenn Groom PA-C.

## From the Bureau of Health Professions:

Under Article 15 the Michigan Public Health Code requires licensees and registrants to report a change in name or mailing address not more than 30 days after the change occurs. (MCL 333.16192).

**Preceptors' Corner:** Students frequently learn best by *performing* actual tasks. Electronic health records have taken away some of the thinking process inherent in our profession. If you are looking for ways to help both the student and yourselves, ask them to design or improve some of your templates during down time or at the end of the day. This will ensure that they have looked at all aspects of patient encounters: history, PE, diagnostic testing, patient education, and billing.

**Attention PAs:** Starting sometime in 2013 PAs will be allowed to claim **Category I CME Credit** for precepting. We believe it will be up to twenty hours per two-year logging cycle. Watch future newsletters, our website, and the NCCPA website for details!



Western Michigan University Physician Assistant Program will be celebrating its fortieth birthday. Come join us for the continuing medical education and festivities **July 19-20, 2013**. Save the date !